

Senate Resolution 765

By: Senator Adelman of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating Wednesday, March 5, 2008, as "Lupus Awareness Day" in Georgia; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic, inflammatory autoimmune disease which causes the immune
4 system to attack the body's own tissue and organs, including the kidneys, heart, lungs, brain,
5 blood, and skin; and

6 WHEREAS, lupus affects one out of every 185 Americans and primarily strikes women
7 between the ages of 15 and 45, with a higher prevalence among African Americans, Asians,
8 Latinos, and Native Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, lupus is one of America's least known major diseases but strikes more people
10 than many other major illnesses, killing thousands of Americans each year; and

11 WHEREAS, lupus patients often suffer without proper diagnosis as patients are unaware of
12 the presence of lupus for extended periods of time and clinicians frequently confuse lupus
13 with other disorders; and

14 WHEREAS, with early diagnosis and proper treatment, 80 to 90 percent of persons with
15 Lupus can look forward to a normal life expectancy; and

16 WHEREAS, diagnosis and treatment are often delayed, preventing life saving results because
17 the majority of American citizens do not understand lupus, how widespread the disease is,
18 or the ramifications for delayed diagnosis; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., provides
20 supportive services for over 55,000 Georgia lupus patients, funds medical research into the
21 disease's causes and possible treatments, and educates the public concerning the realities of
22 lupus; and

1 WHEREAS it is only fitting and proper that this outstanding medical organization be
2 commended and recognized and that the citizens of Georgia be made aware of this important
3 medical issue facing our country.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
5 recognize Wednesday, March 5, 2008, as "Lupus Awareness Day" in Georgia and hereby
6 recognize and commend the Georgia Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., for
7 its continued work helping lupus patients and their families.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to provide an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Chapter of the Lupus
10 Foundation of America, Inc.